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Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus to hold Leadership Retreat

Baton Rouge, Louisiana –The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus will bring their annual 2006 Leadership Retreat to New Orleans October 13 and 14.

The purpose of the retreat is to provide participants with the necessary tools and strategies to increase their strength, influence and leadership skills.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Councilman Oliver Thomas of New Orleans will welcome the women of the Louisiana Legislature to the city during the retreat's opening session.

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, a former member of the Women's Caucus, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday, October 14.

Other keynote speakers include Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL-TV (Channel 4) in New Orleans and co-founder of Each One Save One and Dr. Alex Johnson, Chancellor of Delgado Community College, which was established in 1921, and is the oldest and largest community college in the state.

In addition, state department heads are scheduled to brief Women's Caucus members on issues facing their state departments and legislative goals for the 2007 Regular Legislative Session.

"We, as a Women's Caucus and as individual legislators, take our legislative responsibility and service to the public seriously. Following this retreat, our goal is to develop legislation that will assist the good citizens of our great state," commented Rep. Nita Rusich Hutter, chair of the Women's Caucus.

This year's leadership retreat will feature a new component, the Women's Caucus Boot Camp. The boot camp will consist of numerous educational initiatives for the members, including panel discussions with Walter Leger, Jr. of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, Anne Milling with Women of the Storm and Phyllis Mayo with the Governor's Office on Women's Policy.

Other community leaders and invited guests will include Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu, mayors, parish presidents and council members from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes.

The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus is a cross-section of dynamic women of multi-tiered interests from across the state who are bound together by their commitment to serve the citizens of Louisiana through the legislative process.

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